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In re Application of	:	
Jim Threlkeld et al	:	
Application No. 10/785,060	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: February 25, 2004	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 248993US23	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed May 9, 2006, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The petition includes a statement by Nathaniel H. Kolmes attesting that he is over 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at 571-272-3220.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1615 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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